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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Election/Restrictions*

1. Applicant's election of Species IV in the reply filed on 4 November 2004 is acknowledged. However, this response seems to be incomplete as some of the dependent claims also appear to read upon this species. Further, the applicant has failed to elect the additional species as required in the office action mailed 4 May 2004. This additional requirement is set forth below. It is noted that the lens arrangement included in fig. 6(a) has also been included as a species. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

**If the applicant elects Group IV or V, a further election is required as set forth:**

Species A: Fig. 7(a) – Distal end illumination unit with wedge prisms

Species B: Fig. 7(b) – Distal end illumination unit with deflecting prisms

Species C: Fig. 9 – Distal end illumination unit with toric lens

Species D: Fig. 6(a) – Distal end illumination unit with lenses

2. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lee Fineman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2313. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 7:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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